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SUBJECT: DEATH OF ALBANIAN DEPUTY PERMREP

USUN's Host Country Section was advised February 2 that Lublin Dilja, Deputy Permanent Representative of Albania to the UN, died on February 1, 2009 of cancer at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital in Manhattan. He had been ill for several months. USUN Host Country Mincouns expressed sympathy to the Albanian Mission and the Dilja family on behalf of Ambassador Rice and all of USUN. Per standard procedure, USUN notified both the New York City Police Department's Intelligence Division and the New York City Medical Examiner's Office of Mr. Dilja's death, and provided the Albanian Mission with a list of undertakers who have dealt with the deaths of members of the UN diplomatic community in the past. USUN understands that Mr. Dilja's remains will be interred in New York, and his widow and their children will remain here until the end of the school year.

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